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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

November 27, 1940.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned document.

Reference No:- D.8234.

Subject :- The Shanghai Chinese Power Company - seizure of archives by Japanese Gendarmerie.

Enclosures

Copy of Police Report.

For information. No action required.

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November 26, 1940.

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SHANGHAI POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE 27 NOV 1940

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Chinese Company Taken Over

Chinese Power Offices In French Concession Seized by New Regime

Indignation over the seizure by the Japanese and new Chinese officials of the Shanghai Chinese Electric Company's branch office in the French Concession (on Saturday), described as a purely private Chinese commercial enterprise, was expressed yesterday in Chinese press report appearing in the "National Herald" and "Chinese American Daily News." Chinese in the Concession are said to be trembling with fear as the authorities in the Concession cannot give protection to private enterprises.

The office was taken over at 11.20 a.m. when the Japanese and new Chinese officials occupied the office building at 502 Avenue Dubail near Rue Lafayette. The French police, the reports state, did not prevent the Japanese from taking over the property. Chinese employees in the office were forced to surrender their documents and the keys for opening the safe. Although the employees were allowed to leave, they were not allowed to take away their personal belongings, the reports allege.

Only Skeleton Staff

The office thus taken over by the Japanese is said to be one of the biggest Chinese power companies, with head offices formerly located in Nantao. This company ran the tramway service and supplied electricity in Chinese territory before the hostilities. After the hostilities had spread to Nantao, the business had to be closed and workers dismissed.

Despite difficulties, however, the company managed to supply electricity to the church area in Siccawei until the French police evacuated the area in favour of the Japanese. It was because of this Siccawei business that the company still kept an office in the French Concession. After the French withdrawal from the Siccawei area, only a skeleton staff was maintained in the Concession office, until the Japanese intervention, according to the reports.

Dr. Lau
any information
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Cheng Yien Pao, Chinese-American Daily News, National Herald, Shun Pao and Sin Wan Pao :-

JAPANESE TAKE OVER NANTAO TRAMWAY AND ELECTRICITY COMPANY

Following the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937, the Nantao Tramway and Electricity Co. suspended operations. When the hostilities ceased in Shanghai, the management still found it impossible to resume operations whereupon an office was established at House No. 502 Rue Lafayette to deal exclusively with the liquidation of the firm.

Unexpectedly, at 11.20 a.m. yesterday more than ten Japanese together with members of a certain party arrived at the office in two motor cars and declared that they had come to "take over" the office. Some ten detectives and uniformed men of the French Police who were present did not interfere.

The members of the offibe could do nothing but hand over all the documents and keys of the safe to the callers who left about 1 p.m.

Detectives of the French Police have been left on the premises. The office staff were allowed to leave the premises but they were not allowed to take away their personal belongings.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

File No. S. B. REC. 2234

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Date

REPORT

Date June 28, 19 38.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - ex-employees call at Company's Office.

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by H. Logan S.P.

Some 60 ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao, called at the company's office, Room 254 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Building, The Bund, at 10 a.m. June 27 and requested the issue of the remaining one-third of the annual bonus for the year 1937. Mr. Sung Ts-fee (孫志飛), Chief of the Personnel Department, interviewed the callers and informed them that as a result of the assassination of Koo Shing-ih, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the matter had been temporarily shelved, and that the Board would convene a meeting to appoint a new chairman when he would be requested to deal with their demands. He further informed the ex-employees that they might call again at the office on July 3 for information, whereupon the callers withdrew.

During the course of the interview, Mr. Sung Ts-fee showed the callers a letter that he had received from the Board of Directors of the Company. The letter contains the following two points :-

1. That the compromise reached in connection with the issue of retiring gratuities be maintained.
2. That the issue of the remaining one-third of the annual bonus must be in accordance with the compromise already reached.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 28 JUNE 1938 SPECIAL BRANCH

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~,

REPORT

Date July 7, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

In connection with the labour dispute existing between the management and ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, the French Police, on July 6, summoned a labour delegate, named Tseu Kwang-yung (周光荣), to their headquarters and advised him to notify his colleagues not to visit in procession the residence of Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱季琳), Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors, Rue Victor Emmanuel III. He was further warned that those ex-employees who attempt to conduct any illegal activities in the French Concession would be subject to arrest.

J.a. Pitts

D. S.

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D.C. (Special Branch).

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date July 5, 19 38.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

During the morning of July 4, about forty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company interviewed Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, in connection with their demands for the payment of annual bonus and the re-issue of a loan of one month's wages. Mr. Sung told them that Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱季琳), who has been recently appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors, is of the opinion that the question of their dismissal had already been settled, and that consequently there was no ground for the ex-employees to conduct further agitation. Tseu Kwang-yung (周光榮), one of the labour delegates, later communicated direct with Mr. Chu Chi-ling by telephone, but it is said that the demands of the ex-employees were definitely rejected, and they were censured for causing a nuisance. The callers eventually dispersed in an orderly manner.

It is reported that the ex-employees will appeal to the French Police this morning, July 5, and intend to call at the residence of Mr. Chu Chi-ling, Rue Victor Emmanuel III.

It is also reported that the directors' office will shortly be removed to the French Concession, a part of the documents having already been taken to the home of Mr. Chu Chi-ling.

D.S. Pitts
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
5 JULY 1938
SPECIAL BRANCH

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc.No.250/38.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
July 4th, 1938.

Diary Number: 16.

Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. 4-7-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	Room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, 12 The Bund.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

No trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund.

At about 10.30a.m. on the 4/7/38, some 20 former workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company visited the company's office situated at Room No.254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building but as no responsible officials could be found in at the time, they left the office without making any disturbance.

Special Branch detective also attended.

Special Branch Copy

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date July 4, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.C.

Information has been received to the effect that about forty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company are expected to visit the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, to-day, July 4, in furtherance of their agitation for the payment of their annual bonus and the re-issue of loans.

(Central Station informed at 9.05 a.m. July 4).

D. S. Pitts

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D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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SPECIAL BRANCH

REGISTRY
No. B. D.
Date
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Misc. No.250/38. June 27th, 38.

15.

10a.m. - 12noon.
27-6-38.

Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, 12 The Bund.

[illegible] years of the Chinese [illegible] Bund.

[illegible] 27-6-38, five representatives [illegible] electric lower Company [illegible] situated at room 254 Hongkong [illegible] and interviewed Mr. [illegible] Tse Fee, [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible].

Mr. Sung Tse Fee [illegible] representatives that the Board of Directors had made [illegible] following decisions.

(1) Terms of employment [illegible] be same as those previously in force.

(2) Twenty days year end bonus to be paid in accordance with the company's regulations already in force and the notices issued in connection therewith.

Special Branch Copy

Mr. Sung Tse Fee also informed the workers that as a result of the death of Loh Fah Koong (陸伯鴻) and Koo Shing Yih (顧馨一), there is no director responsible for the chairmanship and that any further re-consideration of the above decision will not be made until a chairman of the Board is duly elected.

The representatives and the workers left the place at about 12noon without making any disturbance but expressed their disappointment.

Detective attached to the Special Branch attended.

French Police also sent a detective to the above place

Chang Lok Yeh
D. S.

Sen.Det.i/c.

"A"
Central

Misc.No.250/38. 24th June 38.

14.

10a.m. - 11.30a.m. Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund.

24-6-38.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund.

At about 10a.m. on the 24/6/38, some 80 former workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company, with their five representatives again visited the company's office situated at Room 254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building and interviewed Mr. Sung Tse Fee (孫志飛) Management representative for the purpose of demanding a reply to the demand presented previously.

Mr. Sung Tse Fee informed the representatives that the demand in question had been submitted to the Board of Directors whose decision has not as yet been reached until a further meeting to be held on 25/6/38 (place unknown). However, the representatives were asked to call again on 27/6/38 when if any decision is available same will be made known to them.

All the representatives and workers left the premises without making any disturbance.

C.D.C. 30 attached to the Special Branch attended.
C.D.C. 249 attached to the French Police also attended.

Special Branch

Chang Ming Li
D.S.I.
C.D.S. 48.

A.S. Pitt

Sen.Det.i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch ~~xxStation~~,

REPORT

Date June 25, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford W.D.

In connection with the demands of the unemployed workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company for the payment of the remaining one-third of annual bonus and the re-issue of a loan of one month's pay, the management appears to have adopted an evasive attitude. During the appeal made by some fifty ex-employees on the morning of June 24, Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, told them in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, that their requests had been referred to the Board of Directors, which would give a reply on June 27. The callers withdrew at 11 am. the same day.

D. S.

D.C.(Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 26 JUN 1938 SPECIAL BRANCH

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Union~~,

REPORT

File No.
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No. 5 B.D.
Date June 24, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.C.

In connection with their demands for the payment of the remaining one-third of annual bonus and the re-issue of the loan of one month's pay, a number of ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company will visit the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, this morning, June 24, to apply for an answer from the Board of Directors.

On June 23 and 24, the Company published an announcement in the Sin Wan Pao, pointing out that the dispute over the dismissal of employees and the issue of retiring gratuities had already been settled and had been agreed to by the ex-employees. It further refutes the allegation made by the labour delegates in the name of the 1st District Water and Electricity Workers' Union, that the agreement reached between the management and the ex-employees in connection with the latter's dismissal is unilateral. The announcement points out that more than 95% of the ex-employees have signed their names on the agreement, and therefore the allegation made by the labour delegates is ridiculous.

Central informed 10.30 a.m.

D. S. Pitts

D. S.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 24 JUNE 1938 SPECIAL BRANCH

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date June 21, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D. S. Pitts Forwarded by

During the morning of June 20, about eighty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, with a view to securing a reply in connection with their demands for the issue of the remaining one-third of the annual bonus. Five of them acting as representatives were received by Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department and Mr. Loh Zoong-ling, Chief of the Traffic Department; they were told that their requests had been rejected and that the Board of Directors had published a notice to this effect in the Sin Wan Pao (Vide Special Branch Report dated 20/6/38). The labour delegates, however, insisted on the payment of the bonus, and submitted a further demand for the re-issue of the loan of one month's pay which was granted after the outbreak of local Sino-Japanese hostilities in August, 1937 and was not due to be refunded until 1941 but which actually had been deducted from the retiring gratuities distributed to them during May, 1938. The management's representatives promised to refer this request to the Board and give a reply on June 24.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
21 JUNE 1938
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D.C. (Special Branch).

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June 20th, 38.

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13.

10a.m. to 1p.m.
20-6-38.

Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund.

Re grievance with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund.

At about 10a.m. on the 20-6-38, some 80 former workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company, with their five representatives, (1) Tseu Yung Yong (周永業), (2) Tseu Yung Ki-ong (周永祺), (3) Zau Sin Yuen (曹三元), (4) Wu Shuen Ding (伍鈞鼎) and (5) Yuen Sih Pang (袁子彭), visited the company's office situated at room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building to interview Mr. Sung Tse Fee (傅志飛), management representative and Loh Zoong Ling (陸仲靈), Departmental head of the above company. The following demand was presented.

"To pay the 20 days pay representing 1/3 of the annual bonus that they did not receive at the end of last year".

Special Branch Copy

Mr. Sung Tse Fee and Loh Zoong Ling informed the representatives that he would again submit the above demand to the Board of Directorsfor consideration and that the decision will be known to them on Friday (24-6-38).

All the representatives and workers left the premises without making any disturbance.

Detective attached to the Special Branch also attended.

French Police also sent one detective to the above place during the meeting.

Chang Ming Teh
D. S. I.
C.D.S. 48.

Seg.Det.i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - S.I. Station,

REPORT

Date June 20, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation.

Made by D.S. Pitts. Forwarded by C. Crawford

In connection with the demand for the issue of annual bonus, about twenty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company are expected to call on the management at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, this morning, June 20 to continue negotiations. (Central Station informed at 10.10 a.m. June 20)

Information to hand indicates that the Board of Directors has definitely refused to consider the ex-employees' demands. It publishes a notice in the Sin Wan Pao this morning, stating that in accordance with an agreement reached between representatives of labour and capital, the remaining one-third of the annual bonus for the year 1937 would be issued if and when the company resumed business. In view of this fact, therefore, the present requests of the ex-employees are not being entertained. The notice further states that the $3,000.00 contributed by the ex-employees for the purchase of Liberty Bonds has been handed to labour delegate Zee Wong-sung (徐冠生), who gave a receipt for the same, and urges them to obtain their various shares from him.

D. S. Pitts
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date June 13, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford. D.C.

In connection with the dispute over the issue of annual bonus, representatives of the ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company will call at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, this morning, June 13, to await a reply from the management.

Central informed 9 a.m.

D. S. Pitts.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1, Special Branch,

REPORT

Date June 14, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Pitts *Forwarded by* C. Crawford

During the morning of June 13, about twenty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company interviewed Mr. Loh Zoong-ling (陸仲麟), Chief of the Traffic Department, at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, and requested information concerning the attitude of the Board of Directors towards their demand for the issue of the remaining one-third of the annual bonus. Mr. Loh stated that the demand had been referred to the Board and a reply would be given on June 20 after the holding of a board meeting.

D. S. Pitts
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Misc. 250/38. Central June 13th, 38.

12.

11a.m. to 12noon.
13-6-38.

Room 254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund.

At about 11.25a.m. on the 13-6-38, four worker's representatives namely (1) Tseu Kwang Yoong, (陶光榮), (2) Tseu Yung Kiang (陶永江), (3) Lau Lan Yuen (劉[illegible]元) and (4) Wu Shuen Ding (吳[illegible]亭), together with 20 other workmen interviewed one named Loh Zoong Ling (陸仲靈), Department Head of the Nantao Electric Co, at room 254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building and presented to him the following two demands.

1. To refund to them the one month pay which they had loaned last year but deducted this May.
2. To pay the 20 days pay representing 1/3 of the annual bonus that they did not receive at the end of last year.

Special Branch Copy

The above Loh Zoong Ling informed the representatives that he would submit these demands to the Board of Directors for consideration and that the decision will be known to them on next monday (20-6-38).

All the representatives and workers left the premises without making any disturbance.

Detective attached to the Special Branch also attended.

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Sgt. Det. i/c.

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C.D.S. 56.
C.D.C.334.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REGISTRY

S.I. Special Branch, ~~Dept.~~

REPORT

Date June 7, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D.S. Fitts Forwarded by C. Crawford. S.I.

During the morning of June 6, twelve ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, and submitted a letter to the Board of Directors applying for payment of the remaining one-third of the unpaid annual bonus, equivalent to 20 days' wages. In reply, Mr. Loh Zoong-ling (陸仲麟), Chief of the Traffic Department and representative of the management, stated that the request had already been conveyed to the Board of Directors which is of the opinion that no further demands could be accepted as the services of ex-employees had been dispensed with and that the question of payment of the 20 days' annual bonus would be taken up only if and when the company resumed business. Nevertheless, Mr. Loh told them that he would refer the letter to the Board, and give a reply on June 13.

Enquiries made among ex-employees indicate that they still are unwilling to accept the procedure concerning their dismissal, and are strongly opposed to the retention of the services of seventy-two clerks and five workers. This particular point was mentioned in the letter in which they demand payment of wages to all ex-employees as a palliative measure.

It is reported that the ex-employees intend to demand the issue of superannuation for work performed prior to 1931, but for the time being, they will not submit any further demands until the dispute regarding the annual bonus is settled.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 7 JUNE 1938 SPECIAL BRANCH

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~,

REPORT

Date June 6, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Situation

Made by D. S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

It is reported that a number of ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company will again visit the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, at 10 a.m. to-day, June 6. They are said to have been instigated by Tang Tsing-sung (湯慶生) and Lee Zung-sung (李崇生), two ex-workers of the Traffic Department, to agitate for the issue of 20 days' annual bonus.

Contact informed 9 [illegible]

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date June 4, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

During the morning of June 3, about fifty ex-workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund. Twenty of them entered the office and put forward two demands :-

1. That the money deducted from the wages of ex-workers during October and November, 1937 for the purchase of Liberty Bonds (equal to 5% of their monthly pay) be refunded.

2. That the special bonus equivalent to 20 days' pay which, it is alleged, the management had promised during the course of negotiation in November, 1937, be issued.

In reply, the Company accepted the first demand, but rejected the second, as it was groundless. The workers stated that they would continue negotiation on June 6.

Ja. Pitts

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date June 4, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Unrest

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford. A.S.

It is reported that the unemployed members of the Chinese Electric Power Company will call at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, to-day, June 4, to demand employment in consequence of the management having engaged several of them in winding up the company's affairs.

It is worthy of note that all the ex-employees of the company have been paid off.

Central informed at 9.30 a.m.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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S.1.

D.S. Pitts

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Room 254,Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank Bldg.The Bund

10.30a.m.-11a.m.
6/6/38.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese
Electric Power Company,12 The Bund.

At about 10.30a.m. on the 6/6/38, three workers representatives namely (1) Foo Zong Teh(傅宗德),(2) Tseu Kwang Yoong(周光榮),and (3) Tseu Yung Kiang(周永江) of the Nantao Electric Power Co.,interviewed one named Loh Zoong Ling(陸仲麟),Departmental Head of the above Co. at room 254,Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building and lodged a demand for issue of the unpaid one-third annual superannuation fund. Mr. Loh Zoong Ling decided that a further meeting will be held on next Monday(12/6/38) to discuss this matter and the parties left quietly.

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Detectives attached to the Special Branch also attended.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc.250/38.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
May. 18th, 1938.

Diary Number:— 10.

Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10-5-38 to 17-5-38	Places visited in course of investigation each day	No.459 Honan Road.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Re Trouble with Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund

The following is a list of retiring gratuities and superannuation, which have been paid out to ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Coy., at No.459 Honan Road, by Mr. Zee Yoong Tsoh (徐永祚), Chartered Accountant.

Date	Number of Persons Paid	Amount Paid
10-5-38	47 persons	$ 16,193.87
11-5-38	54 "	21,421.88
12-5-38	100 "	31,597.42
13-5-38	111 "	32,782.08
14-5-38	141 "	37,008.26
16-5-38	235 "	59,937.07
17-5-38	77 "	20,100.64
Total	765 persons	$ 219,041.22

Some 64 ex-employees were not able to produce documentary proof entitling them to payment of gratuity and superannuation, and were requested to furnish a guarantee which would entitle them to be paid in due course.

During the times the money was being paid to ex-employees, no untoward incident took place.

Detectives attached to the Special Branch also attended.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 19, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by G. Crawford D.S.

At 7 p.m., May 18, about forty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company held a dinner party in the Joong Hwa Lur Restaurant, 192 Woopeh Road. Messrs Tsen Min-kiang and Woo Siang-ming, the two labour delegates who returned from Hongkong on May 15, informed the attendance that they had been informed by Mr. Tu Yueh-sung that the dispute has been settled, and that the employees would be well advised not to conduct further unrest after the receipt of retiring gratuities and superannuation. They also stated that Mr. Tu has assured them of re-instating ex-employees if and when the company resumed business.

On May 18, thirty ex-employees were paid gratuities at the office of the Chartered Accountant Zee Ioong Tsch, at 123 Avenue Edward VII.

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 18, 1938.

Subject: Chinese Electric Power Company - distribution of retiring gratuities.

Made by: D.S. Pitts Forwarded by: C. Crawford

On May 17, a further seventy-seven former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company were paid retiring gratuities and superannuation, amounting to $20,100.64, at the temporary office of Mr. Zee Ioong Tsoh, Chartered Accountant, 495 Honan Road, making a total of 765 ex-employees who have been paid off.

It is learned that over one hundred ex-employees of the Company, who are away from Shanghai, will be paid the same gratuities at the office of the Chartered Accountant Zee Ioong Tsoh, at 123 Avenue Edward VII, from May 18. Sixty-four ex-employees, who have lost their gratuity certificates, have registered their losses with the Chartered Accountant, and will be paid the amounts due in one month's time.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 17, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - distribution of retiring gratuities

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by

Tseu Yuin-kiang (周云江) and Woo Siang-ming (吳湘明), the two labour delegates of the Chinese Electric Power Company, who left for Hongkong on April 28 to interview Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, returned on May 15 by the s.s. "Empress of Russia". They stated that since Mr. Tu was in Hankow, they had failed to carry out their mission to discuss ways and means of bringing about a settlement of the dispute.

In view of the present situation, the majority of the ex-employees now appear to have abandoned further agitation against their dismissal. Up to May 16, a total of 688 ex-employees had been paid retiring gratuities and superannuation amounting to $199,140.55. The distribution will continue to-day, May 17.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date May 13, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - further distribution of retiring gratuities

Made by D.S. Pitts *Forwarded by* C. [illegible]

A further 100 ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company were paid retiring gratuities and superannuation, amounting to $31,597.42, on May 12, at the temporary office of Mr. Zee Ioong Tsoh, Chartered Accountant, 459 Honan Road.

To date, a total of 201 ex-employees of the company have been paid off.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date May 12, 19 38.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - distribution of retiring gratuities

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On May 11, a further fifty-four former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company were paid retiring gratuities and superannuation, amounting to $21,421.85, at the temporary office of Mr. Zee Yoong Tsoh, Chartered Accountant, 459 Honan Road. The distribution will be continued to-day, May 12.

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REPORT

Date May 11, 19 38.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao.

Made by D.S. Fitts Forwarded by C. Russell

In connection with the issue of the retiring gratuities and superannuation to workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company (Nantao) (vide Special Branch Report on the above subject dated May 9, 1938), a total amount of $16,193.87 was issued on May 10 at the temporary office of Mr. Zee Ioong Teoh, chartered accountant, 459 Honan Road. Forty seven workers attended and received the money due to them.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I. Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date May 9, 1938

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Wantao.

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

Following the receipt of a cable from Mr. Tu Yueh-sung (杜月笙), now in Hongkong, the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company held a meeting on May 5, 1938 at its office at Room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building. During the course of this meeting, a set of rules and regulations (translation attached) governing the issue of retiring gratuities to the employees whose services have been dispensed with, was drawn up and posted outside the office the following day for the information of the general public.

According to this notification, a retiring gratuity equivalent to three months' pay, and superannuation up to November, 1937, will be issued each employee between May 10 and 17, 1938 in the offices of Mr. Zee loong Tsoh(徐永祚), a chartered accountant, in the Hung Li (恒利大楼) Building, 459 Honan Road (corner of Tientsin Road). The employees, however, will be reinstated at the very first opportunity, should the company resume operations in the future, the notification added.

The majority of the workers appear fairly satisfied with these arrangements but nevertheless request that a definite contract be signed so that they may resume work when the company recommences operations. In this connection it is learned that the return to Shanghai from Hongkong of Mr. Sung Tse-fee(孙志飞), Chief of the Personnel Department, and their two representatives, Messrs Tseu Yuin Kiang (周云江) and Woo Siang Ming(吴湘明), is anxiously awaited by the workers in order that even further negotiations

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with the management may be conducted in regard to the question of employment if and when the organisation starts to function again.

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Notification dated May 8, issued by the Chinese Electric Power Company in regard to the distribution of retiring gratuities and superannuation.

1. In compliance with the demands of the workers, the Board of Directors has decided to increase the amount of retiring gratuities from one month's salary, which has been already granted, to three months' pay, and in an effort to generally assist the workers, these retiring gratuities will be paid in one lump sum.

2. Superannuation, calculated up to November 1937 only, will be issued with the gratuities and all debts due to the company shall be deducted therefrom.

3. Workers are required to have completed any unfinished tasks prior to receiving their money, for which they should personally at the appointed time and place.

4. Should the company be in a position in the future to resume operations, the services of the new retiring workers will be first solicited.

5. The decision reached on February 26, in regard to the distribution of retiring gratuities, is hereby cancelled.

6. Workers are requested to call personally for the monies due them between May 10 and 17, 1938 at the offices of Mr. Zee Ioong Tsoh([illegible]), Chartered Accountant, in the Hung Li Building, 459 Honan Road (corner of Tientsin Road).

Signed: Board of Directors of the
Chinese Electric Power
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S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 3, 19 38.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao.

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Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department of the Chinese Electric Power Company, who left for Hongkong on April 22 to consult with Mr. Tu Yueh-sung and other members of the Board of Directors in connection with the demands of the workers of the Company, sent a telegram on May 2 to the Directors' Office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, stating that Mr. Tu Yueh-sung and his colleagues desired the termination of the services of the workers and agreed to an increase in retiring gratuities to be issued them. The increase, adds the telegram, should be equal to from one to two months' wages.

During the past few days, no workers or their representatives have visited the Directors' Office, Room 254 in the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.

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Room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Building, The Bund.
Detective Office.

9.30 to 10.30 a.m.

25-4-38.

Re Trouble with Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12 The Bund

At about 9.30 a.m. on the 25-4-38, some 80 former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Coy., with their four representatives, visited the company's office situated at Room 254 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building to interview Mr. Sung Tse Fee (沈子飛), management representative. The following demands were presented.

(1) Services of workers to be dispensed with.

(2) Employers to pay workers a disbandment fee of 6 months' wages.

(3) Employers to return life insurance savings to workers.

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Mr. Sung Tse Fee informed the representatives and employees that he would shortly be proceeding to Hongkong to confer with Mr. Tu Yoeh Sung (杜月笙), one of the company's directors, and the result would be made known to the employees in due course.

A detective from the Special Branch attended.

No untoward incident took place.

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Senior Detective i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, [illegible]

REPORT

Date April 29, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by [illegible]

On April 28, two representatives of the ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, named Tseu Yuin-kiang (周云江) and Woo Siang-ming (吳湘明), left for Hongkong in the s.s. "Olden Burg" to consult with Mr. Tu Yueh-sung in connection with the existing dispute between capital and labour.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Station~~,

REPORT

Date April 28, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

Dissension is still reported to exist among the former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company. The majority are opposed to the decision of the management to dispense with their services and insist upon the resumption of negotiations on the return from Hongkong of Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department and a representative of the management. About 150 workers formerly attached to the Mechanical Department, however, are said to be willing to sever connections with the company, and have openly expressed their views in this connection to their labour delegates. Consequently, the labour delegates will discuss the matter with Mr. Chu Yee-sung (朱佐聲), son of Mr. Chu Chi-ling, a member of the Board of Directors, at his office, No.42 Rue du Consulat.

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It is also reported that some 100 ex-employees of the company have registered with the Japanese authorities through the Nantao Autonomous Commission, but only thirty mechanics have been given employment in the electric plant of the company at Nantao which is being partially operated by the Japanese military.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, [redacted],

REPORT

Date April 25, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

During the morning of April 25, about fifty or sixty ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company appeared in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund. Five labour delegates also arrived, but owing to the absence of responsible members representing the management, they were unable to resume negotiations. The ex-employees dispersed at 10.45 a.m.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 25, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford. D.C.

At 9.30 a.m. to-day, April 25, about fifty former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company appeared in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, to await the arrival of their representatives and responsible members of the management.

It is learned that Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department and one of the representatives of the management, left for Hongkong on April 22 with a view to soliciting the opinion of Mr. Tu Yueh-sung in order to effect a settlement of the existing dispute.

During the afternoon of April 23, four delegates of the ex-employees visited French Police Headquarters in answer to a call; they were warned to maintain peace and order and to advise their colleagues not to hold any gatherings. Subsequently, two detectives of the French Police and the four labour delegates interviewed lawyer Chu Yee-sung (朱怡聲), son of Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱季琳), a member of the Board of Directors, in his office, 42 Rue du Consulat, and enquired about the decision of the Board in connection with the demands of the employees. Mr. Chu stated that the Board had definitely decided to dispense with the services of the employees, and that, unless the men agreed to make certain concessions, he would not mediate in the dispute.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
April, 23rd, 1938.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc.250/38.

Diary Number:— 8. Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	9.30 to 10.30 a.m. 23-4-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	Room 254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund. Detective Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Re Trouble with Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, 12, The Bund.

At about 9.30 a.m. on the 23-4-38, about 60 former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, with their four representatives named (1) Tseu Yong Kong, (周云江), (2) Foo Koong Tuh (傅崇德), (3) Tseu Kwang Yong (周光荣), and (4) Zee Nyoh Sung (徐玉生), visited the company's office situated at Room No.254, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank building, 12 The Bund, to interview Mr. Sung Tse Fee (沈子飛), management representative.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Sung Tse Fee, the workers and their representatives left at 10.20 a.m. stating that they would again return at 9.00 a.m. on the 25-4-38, and submit the following demands.

(1) That the services of the workers not be dispensed with.

(2) The services of the workers to be retained, without wages.

(3) The management to pay disbandment fee to workers.

(4) The management to return life insurance savings to the workers.

On the instructions of D.I. Telfer, Senior Detective, the undersigned informed Mr. Clements, Resident Engineer of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank building, re meetings which are periodically taking place in the office

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
April. 23rd. 1938.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc.250/38.

Diary Number:— 8/2.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

of the Chinese Electric Power Company, and Mr. Clements stated that he was going to send the management of the company a letter requesting them to remove at an early date, as these meetings may interfere with persons conducting business with other firms on the premises.

No untoward incident took place.

A detective from the Special Branch attended.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date April 23, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Campbell D.S.

Approximately 100 former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, at 10 a.m. to-day, April 23, but left at 11 a.m., because no responsible person representing the management could be found. It is their intention of again visiting the office on the morning of April 25.

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S.1, Special Branch, [redacted]

REPORT

Date April 22, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Grayson

It is reported that a number of the former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company will again visit the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, on the morning of April 23, to ask the management for a reply in connection with their demands, previously submitted. Should the management continue to show no sincerity in attempting to solve the present deadlock, the employees, it is further stated, will make a further appeal to Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱季琳), a member of the Board of Directors, who resides at 33 Rue Victor Emmanuel III.

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REPORT

Date April 20, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

At 10 a.m., April 20, some sixty or seventy ex-workers of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund. Four representatives were elected, and accompanied by five section chiefs, they proceeded by motor car to the home of Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱季琳), acting director-general of the company, at 33 Rue Victor Emmanuel III, the remainder walking there. The latter dispersed at 1.50 p.m. soon after their arrival at Mr. Chu's home. The four representatives and the section chiefs interviewed Mr. Chu Yee-sung (朱怡聲), the son of Mr. Chu Chi-ling, but subsequently withdrew, when they were told by Mr. Chu to put their demands in writing and submit them to Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, for transmission to the Board of Directors.

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Re Trouble with Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co. No. 12. The Bund.

At about 9.30a.m. on the 20-4-38 some eighty former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co, under the leadership of their four representatives called at the Companys' office at Room 254 of the H. & S. Bank Building and interviewed Mr. Sung Ts Fei, Chief of the Personnel Dept., of whom they demanded an advance of two months pay from the Superannuation Fund.

Mr. Sung replied that he was not in a position to give a decision on the subject. He advised the representatives to interview Mr. Koo Shing Yih a member of the Board of Directors.

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The representatives requested Mr. Sung to accompany them and he then telephoned to Mr. Koo who declined to grant the interview. The representatives later left the Building and it was understood that they intended to proceed to Mr. Koo's home.

No untoward incident occurred.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~,

REPORT

Date April 20, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

At 10 a.m., to-day, April 20, about sixty former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, called at the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, and applied to the management for a loan of one and half months' pay for livelihood maintenance. Negotiation is now in progress between labour and capital.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Section~~,

REPORT

Date April 14, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by

Negotiations between the management and ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company remain at a standstill.

Information has been obtained to the effect that the "Nantao Autonomous Commission" is conducting registration of the former employees of the company, and notices to this effect were posted in Nantao on April 11. One Tsang Zah-neu (張若愚), ex-inspector No.19, who is connected with the People's Livelihood Section of the Commission, is in charge of the registration, but up to the present, only about twenty ex-employees are said to have registered with this bogus organization. It is reported that the Commission intends to restore public utility services in Nantao under the auspices of the Japanese authorities. So far the electric lights have been partially restored for the use of Japanese troops, but there is no indication of an immediate resumption of the tramway service in view of many prevailing difficulties. Further, the trolley wires damaged during the hostilities have not yet been repaired.

A "Water and Electric Service Section" of the Bureau of Communications of the Shanghai Dah Dao City Government has been formed with an office at Room 29, Yokohama Specie Bank Building, 24 The Bund. About seven Japanese and Chinese are working in this office which is engaged in making investigations into the properties of the Chinese waterworks and electric companies in Chapei and Nantao.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date April 12, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

In view of the unwavering attitude of the Board of Directors, the ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company are said to have decided to apply to the management for the issue of one and half months' pay in order to enable them to seek other means of living. For the time being, they prefer to discontinue further discussions in connection with the existing dispute, providing the Board agrees, until the local situation improves.

It appears that negotiations have almost come to a deadlock in consequence of the Board definitely refusing to reconsider the demands of the ex-employees concerning the validity of agreements previously concluded between labour and capital.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Div. Station,

REPORT

Date April 10, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D. S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

A further meeting of representatives of the management and ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company was held during the morning of April 9, in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, when about fifty ex-employees were present. Both sides discussed those points governing the validity of agreements previously concluded between capital and labour, particularly that part relating to the payment of superannuation funds. Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, and one of the representatives of the management, stated that the Board was of the opinion that there was no room for further discussion in this connection on the grounds of financial difficulties, but he agreed that the agreements might possibly be held valid if and when the company resumed business. The labour delegates considered that this statement was too vague, and suggested that each of the ex-employees be issued a note bearing the amount of superannuation due to him, and that those who applied for the fund should be granted half of the amounts standing to their credit, while the remaining sums should be deposited with the company. Mr. Sung promised to refer the suggestion to the Board, and indefinitely postponed the meeting.

It is said that the ex-employees are very dissatisfied with Mr. Sung Tse-fee for his alleged pro-management attitude. He was formerly considered

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to be favourably inclined towards the labourers in their struggles to have the company's works kept operating.

On April 8 the company completely evaucated its offices at No.7 Rue Montauban, ninety-five cases of electric meters, etc. having been removed to the French Tramway Company's Depot on Avenue Dubail.

Capais to D.O.A.
M. J. Clagg.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Central
April, 7th, 38.

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6.

Re Trouble with Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co. No.12, The Bund.

At 10.00 a.m. 7-4-38, a further meeting between the workers and representative Sung Tse Fei (孫志飛) of the above concern was held in the office at Room 254 of The HongKong & Shanghai Bank Building, 12 The Bund, when the management premised to re engage all the workers upon the resumption of the business in future but the compensation, requested by the workers, will be decided at the next meeting at 10.00 a.m. on 9-4-38.

The meeting dispersed quietly.

A further report will be made in due course.

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Senior Detective i/c.

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REPORT

Date April 8, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by [illegible]

During the morning of April 7, the fifth meeting of representatives of the management and ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company took place in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund. About fifty ex-employees in addition to their four representatives were present. Throughout the conference, the subject matter under discussion was a reiteration of the demands of the workers, requiring the Board to assure their reinstatement if and when the company resumed business, and to maintain all agreements concluded between labour and capital. Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department and one of the management's delegates, informed the labour representatives that with regard to the first demand, the Board had agreed to preferentially engage them if the company re-opened, but definitely refused to hold as valid all labour agreements. The employees expressed satisfaction with the reply in connection with the first demand, and decided to hold a further meeting on April 9 in an endeavour to bring about a settlement of the existing dispute.

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J.A. Pitts.

Copies to D.O.A.
Mr. Tobey.

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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. B.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date April 7, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

It is reported that a number of the ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company will proceed to the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, to await the results of the discussions regarding the present dispute, to be held this forenoon, between representatives of the management and employees. In consequence of the closing down of the company's office at 7 Rue Montauban, the ex-employees will use their quarters at 358 Boulevard de Montigny as a rendezvous.

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D.C. (Special Branch).

Central rec'd 10.40 a.m.

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REPORT

Date April 5, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C Crawford D.S.

During the forenoon of April 4, a meeting was held in the directors' office of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, when four representatives of the former employees and four members of the management were present. Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department and one of the representatives of the management, informed the employees' delegates that the Board had agreed to grant them a retiring gratuity in a lump sum equivalent to one and half months' pay, instead of one month's, provided that the ex-employees recognize its decision concerning their dismissal. In reply, the employees' delegates stated that if the Board guaranteed to reinstate all ex-employees when the company resumed business and to hold as valid all agreements concluded between labour and capital, they would be willing to continue discussions with the management for a satisfactory settlement. Mr. Sung then suggested that these proposals be referred to the Board and postponed the next meeting until April 7.

With regard to the closing down of the company's office at No.7 Rue Montauban (Vide Special Report 4/4/38), a number of the former employees allege that the action was pre-arranged by the Board in conjunction with the landlords, apparently for the purpose of preventing them from utilizing it as a communication address.

Messrs. Fonciere et Immobiliere de Chine, the landlords of No.7 Rue Montauban have leased these

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premises to the China Tea Company. At present some 4,000 electric meters remain at this address, but they are in the course of being shifted to the company's office at No.12 The Bund. It is also learned that the Chinese Electric Power Company closed down its offices at 358-360 Boulevard de Montigny on March 31.

Copies to D.O A
Mr. Tokey.

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D.C. (Special Branch).

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5.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co., No. 12 The Bund.

Sir,

At 10a.m. this inst. a further meeting between the workers and directors of the above concern was held in the offices at No. 12 The Bund(Room 254) when the workers requested that compensation as well as a promise of re-engagement (upon the resumption of business) be given them. The directors have promised to give a definite reply to this at 10a.m. on 7/4/38 at which time a further meeting will be commenced.

During today's meeting the directors of the company offered 6 weeks wages to the workers. This was neither accepted nor refused, the workers also apparently preferring to leave the discussion of this matter to the next meeting.

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The meeting dispersed quietly.

A further report will be forwarded in due course.

Detectives in attendance:- C.D.S. 116 and C.D.C.53.

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Sen. Det. i/c.

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REPORT

Date April 4, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.C.

At 9 a.m. to-day, April 4, three foreigners and six coolies of the International Investment Trust Company, 9 Avenue Edward VII, proceeded to the office of the Chinese Electric Power Company located on the first floor, No.7 Rue Montauban, which is also serving as the communication address of the former employees. They removed all furniture on the grounds that the company had failed to vacate its office on the expiry of the lease at the end of March, 1938. About seventy ex-employees were instructed to leave the premises. Some twenty of them proceeded to the directors' office at Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Building, The Bund, to report the matter, the remainder dispersing.

Copies to D.O.A. & M. Tolez.

J. A. Pitts

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D.C. (Special Branch).

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REPORT

Date April 4, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

With reference to the demands put forward on March 31 by the former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company (Vide Special Report dated 31/3/38), Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, conveyed the reply of the Board of Directors to the ex-employees' representatives during a meeting held in the directors' office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on April 2. Mr. Sung stated that the Board had definitely refused to make any alterations in its decision to dispense with the services of all employees and would grant no further maintenance allowances in view of present financial difficulties.

It is said that a further meeting will be held on April 4 to discuss this matter, the details of which will form the subject matter of a further report.

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S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~ F.C.D.

REPORT

Date April 3, 1938.

Subject: Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by: D.S. Pitts Forwarded by: C. Campbell

During the forenoon of March 30, Mr. Wong Dong-sung (王桐生), Chief of the General Affairs Department of the Chinese Electric Power Company, received a threatening letter through the post, a translation of which is as follows :-

"Tseu Pah-yu (周伯禹), Wong Pah-yu (黄伯禹), Chen Chun-poh (陳君博) and Tsu Zoong-zung (朱重武)! You are traitors who should be killed. We will deal with you by pistols. Be careful while on the streets. Try to find better means of transportation so that you can keep your lives intact for another few years. If you ignore the advice of our 'chief,' your wives will belong to others. Do you want to live or to die? Do you like the prospect of going to Hell ? You may believe it or not. We will make you know our strength.

"Diehard, Dong Sung, we warn you to get out of the company, otherwise, we will present you ten rounds of pistol ammunition, and your children will receive the same treatment.

'Big fellow' Zee Foh-sung (大亨徐福生)."

The envelope of the letter bears the following inscriptions:

"Mr. Wong Dong-sung,
Chinese Electric Power Company,
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building,
Foochow Road.

From Loh (陸)"

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Enquiries show that the first mentioned four persons are staff members of the General Affairs Department - Tseu Pah-yu being a clerical member; Wong Pah-yu, Chief of the Secretariat; Chen Chun-poh, Chief of the Statistical Section; and Tsu Zoong-zung, deputy chief of the General Affairs Department.

Copies to Mr Tobey & Sen Det Central.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

P. A. to D. C. S. B.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"A" D. Division.
Central Police Station.
1st April 1938.

Crime Register No. 838/38.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:	13.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	11.20a.m. - 1p.m. 1-4-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	H. & S. Bank Building, Detective Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Room 264, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund.
Time and date of offence.	11 a.m. 30-3-38.
" " " reported.	11.2[illegible] a.m. 1-4-38.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	(1) Zung Chuen Poh(陳君博). Dept. Manager of the Chinese Electric Power Co., above address.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	(2) Wong, Doug Sung(王桐生). Staff of the above concern. (3) Tseu Pah Chong(周柏昌). -ditto- (4) Pong Pah Nyuen(黃伯焉). -ditto- (5) Chu Zoong Yien(朱重賢). -ditto-
Copy for Officer i/c Special Branch	Unknown.
Arrests.	-----
Classification of property stolen.	Value $
Classification of property recovered.	Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	M.O. Threatening letter.

Inform for Police & Km. to search & arrest as they are safety
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(j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 11.20 a.m. 1-4-38 one named Zung Chuen Poh brought to the station a letter of threatening nature which was addressed to him and the four other complts and received at the offices of the Chinese Electric Power Co., Room 254, M. & S. Bank Building, at about 11 a.m. on the 30-3-38.

This letter, a translation of which is attached, alleges that the recipiants are traitors and warns them that they will soon be killed. This letter is signed by "Zee Foh Sung(徐福生)" and was posted on the morning of 30-3-38 at the Rue Massenet Post Office, F.C. It states that it is intended as the first warning.

The recipiants, all of whom reside in F.C. can give no information as to the writer and they do not suspect anyone. They states that they are all friendly with the staff and have no enemies. All five complainants are employed in the Statistical Department of the Chinese Electric Power Co..

It was learnt that there is an employee of the name of "Zee Foh Sung" but except that he is a coolie none of the complainants know him by sight. Enquiries will however be made regarding this man.

The letter will be forwarded to Mr. May Yoh, the handwriting expert, for his opinion.

As all the complainants reside in F.C., they have been advised to report the matter to the French Police as well, and have been instructed to inform the Police immediately in the event of their receiving any further similar communication.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

C. I. D.
Headquarters Staff File No.
C. R.
File No.

THREATENING LETTER

Central Station 1st April 1938.

Name of Recipient Zung Chuen Peh and four others.

Address French Concession.

Occupation Clerks With whom employed Chinese Electric Power Co.

Time and date letter received by recipient 11.00 a.m. 30-3-38.

Time and date letter handed to police 11.20 a.m. 1-4-38.

Person suspected Nil.

Reason for suspicion -----

Give particulars of previous anonymous or threatening letter, if any, received by recipient -----

Is recipient interested in any Political Party, Society or Union -----

Has recipient recently had business, social or domestic differences -----

Reading of Post Office marks on envelope Posted at Rue Massenet Post Office, F.C., on 30-3-38.

Action taken Complainants advised to communicate immediately with the Police in the event of any further communication by post of by phone being received.

Detectives enquiring D.S. Barton, C.D.S.115.

SENIOR DET. I/C.	INSPECTOR I/C.	D. C. I.	H. Q. STAFF
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Translation

To Tseu Pah Chong,
Wong Pah Ayuen,
Zung Chuen Poh,
Chu Zeong Yien,

You are four traitors. Killing you is necessary, or shooting you by a pistol. Please take care when taking a walk on the roadway. It is advisable that you people should think of a way to live on for some years, if not, the leader of our group will take steps against you and your four wives will belong to somebody else.

To Dong Sung,

Why don't you die as you are so old now?

I have to warn you that you should leave the company immediately. If not, I will come to see you with a pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition. Some method will be used also against your son and daughter.

No. 1 Notice of Warning.

From Zoe Foh Sung,
Big Man.

You five men will soon die. We want you five men to die together. This is up to you people to believe it or not.

See what colour we will show you.

Result of search in T.L.Registry:

Similar letter paper.....File No.....

Similar writing.....File No.....

Similar signature or chops used.....File No.....

Similar envelope.....File No.....

Posted at same C. P. O. pillar box.....File No.....

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch,

REPORT

Date March 31, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Caughey D.C.

During the forenoon of March 31, a meeting was held in the directors' office of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, during which the following two demands were put forward by the representatives of the former employees together with a request that a reply be given by the Board within two days :-

(1) That the decision of the Board to dispense with the services of the employees be cancelled and that maintenance allowances be granted for a further period of six months.

(2) That all agreements concluded between the management and the employees continue to be valid.

Those present at the meeting were as follows :-

Messrs. Sung Tse-fee (孫志飛), Chief of the Personnel Department,

Soong Tse-yuan (宋子源), Chief of the Public Works Department,

Loh Zoong-ling (陸仲麟), Chief of the Traffic Department, and

Tsu Sao-gee (朱少屏), Chief of the Lamp Department,

representing the management.

Messrs. Tseu Kwang-yung (周光榮) and Foo Zoong-teh (傅崇德), representing the ex-employees.

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March 29, 38

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10 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.
29-3-38.

Room No. 254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co., 12 The Bund.

At 10.20 a.m. on the 29-3-38, the 4 representatives of the employees attended the office of the Chinese Power Co., and handed to Mr. Sung Te Fee (孫志飛), who is in charge of the Personal Department, a letter to be submitted to the board of Directors. In the letter the representatives demanded that a representative of the company be elected to negotiate with them regarding the present trouble between the company and workmen.

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At 11.10 a.m. the 4 representatives left the office. No untoward incident took place.

A detective from the Special Branch also attended.

Sgt. Det. i/c

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch,

REPORT

Date March 30, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Canfield D.C.

Despite the repeated efforts made by the former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, the Board of Directors has given no indication of cancelling its decision to dispense with their services. It is reported that the Japanese authorities are effecting the repair of the plants in Nantao with a view to restoring the electric supply and tramway service. About 200 ex-employees comprising the mechanics, drivers and conductors, being anxious to earn a living, are said to be willing to serve under the Japanese management if the Board definitely rejects their demands.

Copies to D.O.A
Mr. Talboz.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date March 29, 1938.

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

At 10.20 a.m., to-day, March 29, four representatives of the ex-employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company called at the office of the directors, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, and submitted a letter to Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, requesting the Board to appoint responsible persons within three days to discuss a settlement of the existing dispute. No other demands were mentioned in the letter.

Copies to D.O.A.
" M. Jones.

D.S. McKeown
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

SHANGHAI MUN. POLICE
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9.40a.m.-11.30a.m.
29/3/38.

Room No.254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building.

The trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co.12 The [illegible].

At 9.15a.m. on the 28/3/38 employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co. gathered together at the office of the aforementioned company situated at Room No.254 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, until at 10a.m. their number amounted to about 300. The employees wished to interview the directors regarding payment of superannuation and pensions.

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At 10.50a.m. the employees elected 4 representatives named (1) Tseu Yoong Hong(周永康),(2) Koo Soong Tuh (傅崇德),(3) Tseu Kung Yoong(周光榮) and (4) Zee Wong Sung(徐王生) and left the premises in an orderly manner.

Mr. Sung Tse Fee(孫志飛) Chief of the Personnel Department of the Chinese Power Co. after consulting with the 4 representatives, telephoned to Mr. Koo Shing Yih (顧馨一) who is a member of the Board of Directors for instructions.

Mr. Koo Shing Yih instructed Mr. Sung Tse Fee to inform the 4 employees representatives to make out written demands so that they could be considered by the Board of Directors. The representatives then stated that they would submit their demands at 10a.m. on the 29/3/38.

All employees and representatives had left the

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Office of [illegible] Electric Power Co. at 11.30 a.m.
No untoward incident took place.

Inspt. West and a party of police attended.

Detectives [illegible] Special Branch also attended.

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Supt.
Det. Det. I/C.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~xxxxx~~,

REPORT

Date March 28, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

Acting on the previous information to the effect that the former employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company were to assemble at No.7 Rue Montauban from where they would march to the office of the directors of the company located in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund (Vide Special Report 27/3/38), a party of French police patrolled in the vicinity of the former address on the morning of March 28, to prohibit the ex-workers from gathering at the place. A number of the company's ex-employees arrived but were turned back.

At 8.30 a.m., about 300 ex-workers proceeded in groups to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, with a view to requesting the management to grant them wages for the month of March. Four representatives of the workers interviewed Mr. Tsu Sao-gee (朱少伯), Chief of the Lamp Department, and conveyed to him the request of their colleagues, while the remainder waited outside the premises by order of the police. In reply, Mr. Tsu stated that he was not in the position to deal with the matter. At 11.45 a.m., Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, arrived at the office, and attempted to get in touch with Mr. Koo Shing-ih, member of the Board of Directors, but his efforts were unsuccessful as the latter is sick. Sung then communicated with Mr. Yao Tse-shih (姚紫若), also a member of the Board of Directors, who instructed the former employees to submit their demands in writing to

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the Board. The four representatives were informed of Mr. Yao's instructions and told to call at the company's office at 10 a.m. March 29 to continue negotiations. All the workers then dispersed.

J.M. Brown.
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D.C. (Special Branch).

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H. Jakobsen

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REPORT

Date March 27, 1938.

Subject: Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao.

Made by: D.S.McKeown Forwarded by: C. Clausford D.S.

In connection with the dispute between the management of the Chinese Electric Power Company and their workers over the former's decision to dispense with the services of the employees, information has been obtained to the effect that impatient at a further delay in arriving at a satisfactory arrangement, about 500 workers will assemble at No.7, Rue Montauban, on the morning of March 28, from where they will march to the office of the Directors of the Company in the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, where it is expected they will demand a satisfactory reply.

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Date March 22, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford

In connection with the decision of the Management of the Chinese Electric Power Company to dispense with the services of the employees, information has been obtained to the effect that a number of the employees intend to settle the present dispute through the court, and some 400 of them are said to have signed their names agreeing to this action. The remaining employees, however, hold a different opinion claiming that a lengthy period will be required to settle the case through the Court, and therefore, prefer to appoint Mr. Sung Tse Fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, to negotiate with the Board of Directors for the further issue of the maintenance allowances and the retention of their services but without pay.

The majority of the employees are dissatisfied with the attitude of Messrs. Feng Ping-nan and Chu Chi-ling, two members of the Board of Directors, who are alleged to be responsible for the proposal to dispense with their services, but it is said that they will not take any drastic action against these two members, in view of the possibility of interference by the Police.

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REPORT

Date March 14, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by E. Crawford D.2

At 4.30 p.m., March 12, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company took place in the office of the company, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, when fifteen members were present with Mr. Koo Shing-ih presiding. Messrs. Feng Ping-nan and Wong Yuin-pu, two members of the Board who are reported to be responsible for the proposal to dismiss the employees, did not attend. After discussion, the following resolutions were passed:-

1. That an announcement be issued to answer the queries of the employees contained in the item published in the Sin Wan Pao on March 10. (Vide Special Report dated 11/3/38).

2. That all the account books be handed over to a firm of chartered accountants for scrutiny.

3. That an advertisement be issued through the medium of the newspapers to announce that the meeting of shareholders has been postponed pending the examination of the accounts.

4. That a further telegram be despatched to Hongkong asking Mr. Tu Yueh-sung to remain in the posts of Managing-Director of the Company and member of the Board of Directors.

5. That a conference of the chiefs of various departments be convened, during which they will be requested to hand over the account books in their possession.

The meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

With reference to resolution No.1 mentioned above, the following announcement was published by the Board of Directors of the company in the Sin Wan Pao, to-day, March 14 :-

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"The item inserted in the Sin Wan Pao on March 10 by the employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company appears to distort the facts. The net profit of $500,000.00 mentioned in the previous statement of the Board includes an outstanding account of some $870,000.00 which the company has been unable to collect from the consumers inasmuch as they removed from the district. Following the outbreak of the hostilities, the company not only ceased to obtain income, but also paid the employees full wages for a period of three and a half months, in addition to three months' maintenance allowances and labour rewards amounting to more than $400,000.00. With the payment of various miscellaneous expenses, the net profit was exhausted.

"With regard to the $3,500,000.00, the previous announcement clearly states that the sum refers to the accounts for the purchase of goods and other debts, i.e. ($970,000 deposits; $1,490,000.00 goods accounts; $850,000 guarantee funds; and $170,000 due to the Western District Power Company). This money was in arrears before July, 1937, and on no account should it be considered as the expenditure of the company within the last six months. Why do not the employees check the statement of accounts at the Accounting Department, as the members of this department are on their side. The Board has now decided to

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hand over all the account books to Mr. Hsu Yung-tsu, a chartered accountant for examination. Those who are authorized to examine the statement of accounts may apply for permission to the chartered accountant. Announcement is hereby made that in future, the Board will not answer wild accusations."

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Date March 11, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

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The employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao, published an item in the Sin Wan Pao, to-day, March 11, demanding an explanation from the Board of Directors with regard to the expenditure which resulted in the company incurring a debt to the extent of $3,500,000.00, a translation of which is as follows:-

"Your announcement published on March 8, 1938 has come to our notice, the contents of which appear to have inverted right and wrong. Being engaged in seeking employment, we are not in a position to conduct arguments and senseless propaganda, as you do while enjoying an easy life and are supported by the company's funds. Nevertheless, the fact that the company gained a net profit of over $500,000.00 out of the gross profit of $1,000,000.00 between January and July, 1937, was published in the announcement of your Board. We feel confounded by the statement that all the profits were exhausted between the outbreak of the "August 13th" Incident and the middle of November, 1937, and that the company is in debt to the extent of some $3,500,000. Since the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, only six months have elapsed. At the end of July, 1937, the company had gained a net profit of $500,000.00, but within the short period of six months, the company had incurred expenses together with debts in excess of $4,000,000.00,

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showing an average expenditure of some $700,000.00 per month. We hereby request your Board to announce the details regarding these expenditures and debts, in order to dissipate our doubts. Should you ignore this request or give us a vague reply, we, the employees, will not allow the company to become bankrupt in consequence of the temporary absence of capable managers."

A meeting of the Board of Directors and departmental chiefs of the Chinese Electric Power Company will be held in the company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, at 3 p.m. March 12, to discuss the problems arising from the proposed dismissal of employees.

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Date March 12, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

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Despite the request of the Board of Directors and the employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Mr. Tu Yueh-sung has not yet given any indication of accepting the post of Managing-Director of the company. It is the conviction of the employees that Mr. Tu will assume the post when the Board agrees to his proposal concerning the further issue of the maintenance allowances. It is reported that Mr. Sung Tse Fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, will again proceed to Hongkong for the purpose of requesting Mr. Tu Yueh-sung to accept the appointment and mediate in the present dispute.

Copy to Mr Talboy.
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D.C. (Special Branch).

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REPORT

Date March 10. 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao.

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

With reference to the announcement published in the Sin Wen Pao on March 8 by the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company (Vide Special Branch Report of 9/3/38), the employees are of the opinion that the statement leaves much room for doubt, especially the point concerning the financial condition of the company, and have decided to publish an item in the same newspaper, within a few days, demanding an explanation from the Board with regard to the expenditure which resulted in the company incurring a debt to the extent of $3,500,000.00.

For the time being, the employees are said to have no intention of negotiating with the management over their dismissal until the attitude of Mr. Tu Yueh-sung is known regarding his assumption of the post of Managing-Director of the company.

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Date 9-3-38

Date March 9, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company, which was scheduled to take place in the company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, The Bund, at 3 p.m., March 7, failed to materialize owing to the number attending being insufficient to form a quorum. It is reported that dissension is prevalent between Mr. Feng Ping-nan and those directors who absented themselves from the meeting.

An informal meeting later was held in the company's office, when nine of the directors were present, with Mr. Koo Shing-ih presiding. After discussion, it was decided to despatch a telegram to Hongkong requesting Mr. Tu Yueh-sung to remain in the post as Managing-Director of the Company, and request the representatives of the employees to discuss the settlement of the existing dispute.

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D.C. (Gs)

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On March 8, the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company inserted an advertisement in the Sin Wan Pao, refuting the allegations against the company regarding its financial situation and the loan granted to the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks. The item reads as follows :-

"On March 3, the Sin Wan Pao published a news article relating to the employees of the company opposing their dismissal, in which it is stated: 'the financial condition of the company is sound and has not reached the stage of bankruptcy. Despite the local Sino-Japanese

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hostilities, the company has made about $1,000,000.00 profit and "recently" granted a loan of $300,000.00 to the management of the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks to maintain the livelihood of its employees. Furthermore, the company still maintains business in the Zikawei district, consequently the employees are opposing their dismissal.'

"With reference to the above article, we are very suprised. It will be remembered that the company ceased to supply electricity and suspended business immediately after the outbreak of the "August 13th" hostilities, but continued to pay the employees in order to maintain their livelihood. Excluding the various expenses, the company gained a net profit of only $500,000.00 up to the end of July, 1937. Since the commencement of the conflict, it has been impossible to collect outstanding accounts amounting to $800,000.00. While no income can be obtained, the company continues to pay various expenses. The company, therefore, is obviously in financial difficulties. Consequently the company not only exhausted all its profits, but ran into debt by the middle of November, 1937. As the members of the Executive and Supervisory Committees of the company are authorized to manage business with a capital of $8,000,000.00 subscribed by the shareholders, it is incumbent upon them to safeguard

the funds of the shareholders while maintaining the livelihood of the employees. If the company becomes bankrupt, the committees would be unable to explain the situation to the shareholders. In view of this fact, the management decided to retain the services of a few employees, and temporarily suspend the services of the remainder with effect from December, 1937. About 200 persons, at the request of the employees' representatives, are therefore engaged in dealing with the company's affairs, with pay at 70% of their original salaries, while those whose services were temporarily suspended were granted half pay for a period of three months up to the end of February, 1938. The company is required to pay thousands of dollars per month to cover various expenses. Besides, the company is in debt to the extent of some $3,500,000.00 for the purchase of goods, and is still unable to pay the debt. The Board fully realizes that the employees would benefit by remaining in employment, but the source of income of the company has been cut, and unless the company adopts a policy of retrenchment, it would be unable to cope with the difficult situation. Consequently the Board decided to dispense with the services of the employees with effect from March 1, 1938. The report published in the newspaper to the effect that the company had made $1,000,000.00 profit last year is contrary to fact.

With regard to the allegation concerning the loan of $300,000.00 to the Chapei Electricity and

Waterworks, the company admits that the loan was granted on July 16, 1937, but not "recently." The financial condition of the company was quite sound in the past. As both the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks and the Chinese Electric Power Company are local public utility concerns, and our company used to purchase electricity from the works, it is a common occurrence to make loans to each other. The Chapei Electricity and Waterworks should have returned the loan in January, 1938, but postponed the payment as the result of the hostilities. It appears that the news reporter was unaware of this fact, and stated arbitrarily that the loan was "recently" granted to maintain the livelihood of the employees of the works. Furthermore, the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks dispensed with the services of its employees in December, 1937.

"With reference to the report concerning the supply of electricity to the residents in Zikawei district, the company purchases the electricity from the Compagnie Francaise De Tramways Et D'Eclairage Electriques De Shanghai and supplies it to the residents. comprising a number of foreigners, in that district where the property largely belongs to the Catholic Church. It covers only a small area, and the company has to pay the Compagnie Francaise De Tramways Et D'Eclairage Electriques De Shanghai with the electricity charges collected from the consumers

in the district. Consequently, it cannot be presumed that the company is maintaining usual business.

"In short, the treatment accorded by the company to the employees is believed to have been understood by the public. During this extraordinary period, the company has continued to maintain the living of the employees for half a year, and decided to issue a retiring gratuity of one month's pay in addition to the deposits for life insurance. However, false accusations against the company are being circulated to deceive the public, whereupon the company publishes this announcement in the newspaper in accordance with facts."

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REPORT

Date March 5, 1938.

Subject: Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by: D.S. McKeown Forwarded by: C. Crawford

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Company (Nantao), which was scheduled to have been held at 7 p.m. March 4 in the offices of Feng & Company, 137 Peking Road, did not materialize owing to lack of a quorum. An informal meeting was held by five directors, including Mr. Feng Ping Nan (馮炳南) and Mr. Koo Shing-ih (顧馨一), and it was decided to hold a meeting of the Board of Directors at 3 p.m. March 7 at the same address, 137 Peking Road.

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Mr. Sung Tse Fee (宋志飛), Chief of the Personnel Department of the Company, called at the French Concession office of the concern, 7 Rue Montauban, at 9 a.m. March 4. He left at 9.30 a.m. and called again at 11.30 a.m. In an interview with several of the employees, Mr. Sung stated that Mr. Feng Ping Nan had intended to resign and that the committee formed by him to deal with the affairs of the Company following the assassination of Mr. Loh Pah Hung would be dissolved. He added that after the resignation of Mr. Feng Ping Nan, Mr. Tu Yueh Sung would take the responsibility of maintaining the livelihood of the employees by continuing to issue maintenance allowances to them.

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REPORT

Date March 4, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

On March 4, between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m., a party of French Police searched the company's office at No.7 Rue Montauban, which is being used by the employees as their communication address, and the employees' quarters at 358 Boulevard de Montigny. In the former address, a quantity of pamphlets containing a letter addressed to the Board of Directors were seized (translation together with a copy of which have already been submitted), while in the latter address, nothing of an incriminating nature was found.

J. McKeown.
D. S.

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D.C. (Special Branch).

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Date March 4, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

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During the afternoon of March 2, about twenty employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company attempted to hold a meeting in rooms No.603 and 606, Great Shanghai Hotel, 341 Avenue Edward VII, but were dispersed by the French Police.

Information has been obtained that the following persons have been appointed representatives who will be responsible for conducting negotiations with the management :-

Sung Tse-fee (孫志飛), Chief of the Personnel Department.

Sung Yu-ping (沈宇平), member of the Personnel Department.

Wong Chai-siang (王寨驤), member of the Traffic Department.

Zac Zong-zung (邵尚仁), -do-

Tsang Ying-san (張尚三), member of the Technical Department.

(The above persons representing the clerical staff).

Tseu Yuin-kiang (陶雲江), Inspector No.3.

Tseu Kwang-yung (陶光榮), Inspector No.15.

Fu Zoong-teh (傅崇德), Checker No.7.

Woo Shuin-ding (胡勳亭), Inspector No.6.

Zee Ning-sung (徐士生), foreman attached to the Painting Department.

(The above persons representing the workers).

It is reported that these representatives will visit the company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, in the near future to negotiate with the management.

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At 10 a.m., March 8, copies of a pamphlet were issued to the employees on entering the company's office, No.7 Rue Montauban. The pamphlet which purports to emanate from the "All Employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company", dated March 1, 1938, contains a letter addressed to the Board of Directors, a translation of which is as follows :-

"To the Board of Directors,

With reference to your notice issued on February 26 announcing the dismissal of all employees and declaring null and void all labour agreements, we feel very much suprised. It has been learned that members of the Board recently held numerous meetings and as a result, Mr. Tu Yueh-sung was appointed Managing-Director of the Company. Mr. Wong Yuin-pu of the Board was later despatched to Hongkong for the purpose of consulting with Mr. Tu Yueh-sung on the company's affairs, while Mr. Sung Tse Fee Chief of the Personnel Department, also proceeded to Hongkong to request instructions in dealing with the affairs concerning the employees. It was decided by Mr. Tu to maintain the living of the employees for a further period of three months with effect from March, 1938. Mr. Tu Yueh-sung accordingly informed the Board by telegram of the decision reached, but to our suprise, the Board issued the notice contrary to the original decision. As Mr. Tu Yueh-sung accepted

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the post at your request in view of the difficulties now confronting the company, the Board should therefore follow his advice. The Board now acts against Mr. Tu's decision, but we fully realize that you are not responsible for the present decision. There must be some unruly elements who are taking advantage of the situation to seek their own benefit. We strongly object to this improper procedure.

"It is learned that owing to financial difficulties, the Chapei Waterworks had obtained a loan of $300,000.00 from your Board to maintain the livelihood of the employees of the works. This shows that the company had sufficient funds in reserve, but we are at a loss to understand as to why our management treat us in such a harsh manner. It is reported that a certain pseudo lawyer, with the assistance of his followers, is conducting activities under certain pretexts in an endeavour to seize the control of the company's affairs, and to satisfy his own desire at the expense of the company. In view of the fact, we swear to deal with him at any cost."

X Said to be Fang Ping Nan D.S.

Copies to D.C. A. Mr Lobez.

J. McKeown
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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12 The Bund.
Detective Office.

Re trouble with employees of the Chinese Electric Power Co. 12 The Bund.

At 10.35a.m. on 1-3-38 a telephone message was received at this station from D.I. Crawford, Special Branch, reporting that a number of employees of the above firm were passing into the Settlement from F.C. with the object of holding a meeting at the offices, Room 254, 12 The Bund.

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C.D.S.s 179, 287 and the undersigned, together with a party of Uniform Police, attended and found that about one hundred workers had already arrived and were interviewing one of the directors, Mr. Ts Kyi Ling (朱吉林). It appears that the reason for the unrest among the employees was the fact that ever since the disruption of work at the Power Co. in Nantao in October 1937, the management have paid the staff full wages although they have not been working. Now however, owing to the fact that the capital of the company is exhausted and no income is coming in, it is not possible to pay the staff any longer. On learning this the staff objected, insisting that they should receive several months pay in lieu of notice, and on being refused, staged this meeting.

In the absence of the other directors who have left for Hongkong, Mr. Ts interviewed the men who selected one named Sung Ts Fee (孫志飛) departmental manager as their

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spokesman but no specific demands were made. A discussic was held in the presence of the party of Police and detectives, and it was decided that several representativ should be named who will put their requests in writing an present same to Mr. Ts.

Shortly after this was agreed upon, about 12.15p.m., Insp. Brownrigg, D.S. McKeown, and D.S. Larby (Special Branch) arrived on the scene as the result of a telephone message from Mr. Feng Ping Nan (馮炳南), lawyer to the company, to the effect that Mr. Ts was being detained in his office. On the arrival of the above Police officers it was seen that a misunderstanding had arisen, Mr. Feng having seen the large number of workers enter the office and had thought that Mr. Ts was being detained.

At 12.30p.m., all workers had dispersed peaceably leaving behind a number of representatives to draw up a list of demands. Mr. Ts also left the office and up to the time of writing this report nothing further has occurred.

C.D.C. 24 attached to Special Branch was in attendance.

D.O. "A".

Man.Det.1/c.

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Date March 2, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford

About 200 employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao, assembled in the company's office, No.7 Rue Montauban, this morning, March 2, and held a discussion in connection with the present dispute. Mr. Sung Tse Fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, was also present. He stated that in February, Mr. Wong Yuin-pu (王雲甫), a member of the Board of Directors, was despatched to Hongkong for the purpose of consulting with Mr. Tu Yueh-sung on the procedure to be adopted regarding employees. During this interview, it was decided that the employees be granted the maintenance allowances for a further three months with effect from March, 1938. Contrary to this arrangement, the Board of Directors had decided to dispense with the services of the employees, consequently Mr. Tu Yueh-sung had tendered his resignation from his posts. Mr. Sung Tse Fee alleged that the decision of the Board to dismiss the employees was made at the instigation of Mr. Feng Ping-nan (馮炳南) with the support of Messrs. Chu Chi-ling and Chang Wen-ping (張文炳), members of the Board of Directors. Sung further stated that Mr. Feng Ping-nan had obtained a loan of $300,000 from the company for the purpose of repatriating the employees of the Chapei Waterworks, which he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and added that these funds would be sufficient to maintain the livelihood of the company's staff for ten months.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (DIVISIONS) 3 - MAR 1938

D.C. (Divisions)
Mr. Feng usually telephones me when he is about to attend a meeting. Police are always posted outside

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It is reported that before any demands are submitted to the management, the employees will issue a manifesto to solicit ~~the~~ assistance from the public.

Apart from Sung Tse Fee, the following persons are said to be leading elements in the present unrest among the workers :-

Tseu Wen-kiang (周文江)
Zee Woo-sung (徐五生)
Woo Shuin-ding (何勤亭)
Yuan Lih-peng (袁立彭).

Sung Tse Fee is temporarily residing in the home of Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, 216 Rue Wagner.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Station~~

REPORT

Date March 2, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Clanford D.S.

In connection with the existing dispute between the management and employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company, it is reported that the employees have drawn up the following two demands :-

(1) That all employees be supplied with food.

(2) That the deposits for life insurance be issued in accordance with the regulations of the company. (Half month's pay for each year between 1917 and 1927 and one month's pay for each year between 1928 and 1936).

It is also stated, according to the employees connected with Mr. Sung Tse Fee, Chief of the Personnel Department, that the workers will proceed to the home of Mr. Chu Chi-ling (朱紀林), member of the Board of Directors, to apply for the food supply, should the demands be rejected.

Mr. Chu Chi-ling resides at No.38 Avenue Victor Emmanuel III.

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K.I.V. P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch ~~Station~~

REPORT

Date March 1, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Glanford. D.S.

On February 28, about 200 mechanics and 300 workers were paid half a month's wages as the maintenance allowances for February, at the company's offices, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, and No.7 Rue Montauban.

At 10.15 a.m., March 1, information was received from a detective of the Special Branch to the effect that some 80 workers of the company had left the French Concession and were proceeding to the office of the Board of Directors, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, with the object of submitting a set of demands. This information was conveyed to Central Station. Uniform men and detectives were posted in the office together with detectives from the Special Branch. The workers duly arrived at the office, and were requested by one of the directors named Chu Chi Ling (朱紀綾) to submit their demands in writing. At 12.15 p.m., Mr. T.C. Chen of the firm of Feng and Co., 137 Peking Road, telephoned stating that the director Mr. Chu was being held in the office against his will. Inspt. Brownrigg (Central), D.S. Larby and D.S. McKeown attended and found that a misunderstanding had occurred, as officers from Central Station including D.S. Barton and F.S. Potapoff were in the office. Mr. Chu departed forthwith and requested that the crowd of workers numbering approximately 100 persons should be dispersed leaving a few representatives to submit written demands. This request was carried out without difficulty.

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DC (Div) There will be more trouble

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No demands have yet been submitted by the workers.

According to Mr. Loh Zoong-ling (陸仲麟), cousin of the late Mr. Loh Pah-hung, and Chief of the Traffic Department, Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and concurrently the new Managing-Director of the Company has tendered his resignation from his posts in consequence of his suggestion to issue the maintenance allowances for a further three months being rejected by members of the Board of Directors, but the Board has requested him by telegram to retain his position. No reply in this connection has been received from Mr. Tu Yueh-sung.

Sung Tse Fee, the chief of the personnel arrived from Hongkong in the s.s. Conte Verde on February 28 and was met by ten representatives of the workers and senior staff employees of the company at the Customs Jetty. On the surface, it would appear that Sung Tse Fee has already commenced his machinations to gain control of the company's remaining assets.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Shanghai~~,

REPORT

Date February 28, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Nantao

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford

In accordance with the instructions of the D.C. (Special Branch), Mr. Jobez of the French Police was interviewed on the morning of February 28 regarding his views on Sung Tse Fee (宋志飛), Chief of the Personnel of the Chinese Electric Power Company and the course of action he might suggest. Mr. Jobez stated that he had instituted enquiries regarding this person, the results of which he would communicate in due course.

On February 28, the management of the Chinese Electric Power Company drew up a notice stating that the services of the employees will be dispensed with as from March 1, 1938, in accordance with a decision reached by the Board of Directors. The notice reads as follows :-

"Following the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in August, 1938, the company ceased to supply electricity and suspended business in all departments, but continued to issue wages to the employees for a period of three and half months. At the beginning of December, 1937, the company, being unable to resume business, proposed to dismiss all the staff, but eventually decided to retain the services of a few employees with pay at the rate of 70% of their original wages, and temporarily suspended the services of the remainder at half pay in order to enable them to maintain their livelihood or

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return to their native places. This treatment compares favourably with that accorded to the workers employed by other public utility concerns which closed as the result of the hostilities.

"Three months have now elapsed. In view of financial difficulties, the company is unable to continue the issue of maintenance allowances. Consequently the management has decided to dispense with the services of all employees at the end of the current month (February), and pay them one month's wages as retiring gratuities. Owing to extraordinary circumstances, the company hereby declares null and void all agreements concluded with the employees with the exception of that concerning life insurance. The huge losses sustained by the company during the hostilities and the difficulties foreseen in the future appear to have been realized by the public. The notice is hereby issued for the information of the public."

The employees have not yet received the formal notice concerning their dismissal, and are now awaiting the result of an interview between Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, member of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Sung Tse-fee, Chief of the Personnel Department. The latter will arrive here from Hongkong this afternoon, February 28. Four representatives have been appointed by the employees to interview Mr. Sung Tse-fee upon his arrival.

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According to the employees connected with Mr. Sung Tse-fee, the Company had $750,000 deposited in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and after these funds have been exhausted, Mr. Tu Yueh-sung will be responsible for maintaining the livelihood of the employees.

It is reported that certain of the workers who have heard of the management's decision unofficially are dissatisfied with the terms mentioned, while the others fully realize the situation of the company, and are said to be in favour of the issue of retiring gratuities and the return of the deposits for life insurance.

The management will issue maintenance fees for the month of February at the company's office, No.7 Rue Montauban to-day, February 28.

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S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date Feb. 26, 1938.

Subject (in full) Nantao Electric Power Company.

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.S.

On the morning of February 26, Mr. Linquan Woo (吳麟坤), 137 Peking Road, communicated with this office and stated that Mr. Sung Tse-fee (孫志飛), Chief of the personnel of the Nantao Electric Power Company, is expected to arrive in Shanghai from Hongkong to-day. He also stated that a notice announcing the dismissal of all the workers would be posted in the office of the company, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on the morning of February 28, and Mr. Feng Ping-nan has requested that two detectives be posted in the office on that day to prevent possible trouble.

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S.1. Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 25, 38.

Subject Chinese Electirc Power Company - Nantao.

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by

Acting upon the instructions of the D.C.(Special Branch), on the morning of February 24, C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang and D.S. McKeown interviewed Mr. Linquan Woo, L.L.B., and his partner Mr. S.C. Chen at their office at 137 Peking Road regarding the affairs of the Chinese Electric Power Co., Nantao. Mr. Woo and Mr. Chen are attending to the affairs of the company, the dismissal of workers etc. on behalf of the Board of Directors. At present the two lawyers are considerably perturbed and fear reprisals following the publication of a notice at the end of this month to the effect that all workers are to be dismissed. The situation is complex, into which the gangster element enters in a large measure.

The allegation is submitted by the two lawyers that the workers of the Electric Power Co. are at present in possession of firearms and form part of a division of plain clothes mobile troops under the command of one Liu Tse Loh (劉志六), a Cantonese officer with headquarters in the French Concession. One named Sung Tse Fee(孫志飛), the Chief of the personnel of the Electric Power Company is alleged to be second in command to Liu Tse Loh. Both the persons are said to be under the influence of Tu Yueh Sung. The allegation continues that Mr. Loh Pah Hung, the managing-director of the Electric Power Co., was shot to death by the members of the mobile unit because he was at loggerheads with Tu Yueh Sung concerning the affairs of the company and that the attempted bombing of the residence of Mr. Koo

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Shing Ih, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors was attributable to the same source.

Upon a doubt being expressed of the possibility of the workers being formed into a mobile unit it was explained that this procedure was not a recent innovation, but dated back to 1927, when the workers of the Electric Power Co., the Commercial Press, and the Postal Workers' Union, were organised into a plain clothes unit to assist the Kuomintang. In recognition of their efforts, it is said that they received the full support of the Bureau of Social Affairs and the Tangpu in subsequent labour disputes. In 1932, the members of the above organisations actively assisted the Chinese forces in the anti-Japanese campaign, while in 1937 following the suspension of the Nantao tramway service in August, the workers of the Electric Power Co. again assumed military status and were assigned to guard the wharfs and suppress the activities of traitors. Although a stretch of imagination is required to connect the killing of Mr. Loh Pah Hung and the bombing of the residence of Mr. Koo Shing Ih with the affairs of the Electric Power Co., it is to be remembered that these two persons were intimately connected with the company, and that although the company may be in a precarious condition, there are still several hundred thousand dollars worth of property which might be directed into the account of an opportunist in a position of authority. Mr. Linquan Woo and Mr. S.C. Chen claim that Sung Tse Fee, the Chief of the personnel is

the opportunist. Since the death of Mr. Loh Pah Hung, the other directors of the company have refused to accept the post of managing-director.

Sung Tse Fee has left Shanghai for Hongkong for the purpose of persuading Mr. Tu Yueh Sung to accept the nominal post of general manager with Sung to act for him in Shanghai.

If Sung's object is achieved, he will be acting general manager in a position to monopolize the affairs of the company and be free to manipulate transactions and make use of the property and money.

In order to induce the directors to accede to his plan, Sung has demanded (claiming to be on behalf of the workers) that the sum of $650.000 allowances accumulated should be issued to the workers at once.

With regard to these allowances the following explanation is submitted :-

When Sung obtained his post as Chief of the Personnel Department through the recommendation of Tu Yueh Sung, he endeavoured to obtain the support of the workers. He suggested that according to the Labour Law, all workers should be given life insurance with the premiums paid by the company. Realizing it was futile to oppose this proposal which had the support of the Bureau of Social Affairs and the Tangpu, the management agreed that pending the introduction of the life insurance system for labourers, the company would put into effect itself a superannuation system with the company and workers, each contributing a sum equivalent

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to 3½ days' wages per month towards the fund. This scheme was agreed upon by both parties and the system was enforced from May, 1931.

After a certain period, Sung brought up the question of making this system retrospective on the ground that workers should gain benefit for services rendered prior to May, 1931.

The company regarded this suggestion unfavourably in view of the long period entailed, and the large sum involved. Through ~~the~~ mediation by the Chinese authorities, it was agreed that a repatriation allowance, amounting to one month's wages for each year of service antidated to 1927 and one whole month's wages for each year of service prior to 1927, be credited to the workers' accounts and paid on the termination of their service with the company. In agreeing to the settlement, the company insisted upon the condition that as no ready cash was available, the sum which amounted to about $650.000 would be alloted from the profits.

Owing to trade depression, the management however has not been able, up to the present, to raise this amount. Consequently the agitation of Sung at the present time for the issue of this money, undoubtedly aims at embarrassing the directors and coercing them to appoint him general manager, which is Sung's condition for ceasing his activities.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch Shanghai,

REPORT

Date Feb. 22, 1938.

Subject: Chinese Electric Power Company, Limited.

Made by: D.S. McKeown Forwarded by: C. Crawford D.I.

At 5 p.m. February 21, sixteen members of the Standing Committee of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company held a meeting at the Manager's office, Room 204, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, with Mr. Koo Shing-ih (顧馨一) presiding. During the conference, discussions were held in connection with the issue of an intenance allowances to the employees, which will be discontinued at the end of February, 1938, in accordance with the previous arrangement (Vide Special Report dated 15/1/37). It was decided to despatch a telegram to Hongkong and Shanghai for instructions from Messrs Wang Wei-ting (王一亭) and Tu Yueh-sung. It is reported that Mr. Tu Yueh-sung is in favour of the distribution of the allowances for a further three months, while other members of the Board of Directors hold different views in view of financial difficulties. It is also reported that Mr. Sung Tse-fee (孫志飛), Chief of the Personnel Department of the Company, has proceeded to Hongkong to consult with Mr. Tu Yueh-sung in connection with the matter.

The employees of the Company are now waiting for the final decision from Mr. Tu Yueh-sung and have temporarily established a communication office at No.7 Rue Montauban, which is the office of the Company, although the 1st District Water and Electricity Workers' Union, formed by the employees of the Company, has ostensibly suspended functioning in consequence of a

If so Board will pay @ 5 cents per month in a lump sum as a final settlement off employees off this month full pay with a bonus margin of 5 cents

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prohibition in the French Concession by the Authorities concerned.

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ELECTRICITY USED IN REFUGEE ZONE

Chinese Concern Not To Pay For Power Consumed

That the Chinese electricity works will not be responsible for the power consumed in the refugee zone in Nantao is the gist of a letter sent to the French Electricity and Tramways Co., according to a Chinese report.

The Chinese concern, since October 20, had been obtaining power from the French company for Nantao and Pootung area at about $50,000 to $60,000 a month, according to the report. The sum was eventually reduced when Pootung was occupied by the Japanese on November 12. The sum paid by the Chinese concern in October last was $20,000.

As the Chinese firm had received no revenues for the electricity consumed, negotiations were started by Mr. Loh Pah-hung, the late managing director, with Father Jacquinot of the refugee zone, concerning the matter. Before any solution could be obtained, Mr. Loh was assassinated.

Following meetings of the directors of the Chinese works, it was decided that the French company should be informed that the former would not be responsible for the payment of the electricity consumed in the refugee zone beginning on Tuesday, February 15, according to the report.

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REPORT

Date February 15, 1938.

Subject Chinese (Mantao) Electric Power Company.

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Crawford

The Chinese (Mantao) Electric Power Company suspended operations as a result of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. With a view to resuming business when circumstances permit, the management has issued maintenance allowances to its workers. After the assassination of Mr. Loh Yah-hong, General Manager, the Board of Directors decided to request by telegram Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, a member of the Board of Directors, to accept the post of General Manager, in order to enable the company to remain in existence. In the telegram Mr. Tu was informed that the monthly maintenance allowance issued to the workers amounted to $60,000 and that should he agree to accept the post of General Manager, he would not be required to come to Shanghai.

D.S. Pitts

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It is possible there will be trouble between the workmen & Board of Directors. I gather the Cotton has appointed a Chinese who is an accountant & not for them to make an offer to the workmen. If not accepted workmen will be told to take the case to Court.

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REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.

File No.

Date January 10, 1938.

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - Meeting of Board of Directors

Made by D.S. McKeown *Forwarded by* C. Shenton

During the afternoon of January 8, seventeen members of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao, held a meeting in the Company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, with Mr. Koo Shing-ih (顧馨一) presiding. After discussion, it was decided to close the accounts of the Company before the end of the lunar year. It was further resolved to appoint Mr. Tsu Sao-zien (朱少芗), Chief of the Business Department, Mr. Loh Zoong-ling (陸仲麟), Chief of the Traffic Department, and Mr. Zee Tung-zung (徐一東仁), Chief of the Mechanical Department, to collect statistics covering the losses sustained by the Company and to prepare for the resumption of business should the situation so permit.

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6th January 38.

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Re Meeting of Nantao Tramways Company.

At 2.30 p.m. 6-1-38, a telephone message was received from D.C. "Divisions", advising that a meeting of the Nantao Tramways Co. would take place at 4 p.m. on the 2nd floor of No.12 The Bund and instructing that Police be posted.

C.B.C.s 62 & 208 attended and the meeting commenced at 4.20 p.m. with Mr. Wong Toong Sung(王東升), Chief of General Affairs, in the chair. The object of the meeting was understood to be the election of a President and Vice President and the following directors and members of the executive staff attended:-

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(1) Sung Tse Fee(宋之飛), Staff Controller.

(2) Soong Tse Yuen(宋子孫), Manager, Engineering Dpt

(3) Zee Koong Zung(徐崇仁), Manager, Techincal Dept.

(4) Zung Zoong Ling(陳中龍), Manager, Traffic Dept.

(5) Chuang Sung Zah(莊松石), Manager, Accounts Dept.

(6) Feng Lien Dong(馮聯東), Secretary and the standing Committee consisting of the following:-

(1) Feng Ping Nan(馮炳南).

(2) Chu Che Ling(朱哲謙).

(3) Yee Tse Zah(倪紫石).

(4) Koo Shing Ih(顧繩一).

(5) Wong Oon Ts(黃安士).

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m. with no untoward incident occuring.

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File No. B. REGISTRY
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S.1. Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date January 7, 1938

Subject (in full) Meeting held at 137 Peking Road on January 4 on the subject of Nantao Power Company.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse-liang *Forwarded by* C. Crawford

With reference to the attached report(Central Misc.13/38) stating that C.D.S. 166 attached to Special Branch attended a meeting of the directors of the Nantao Power Company held at 137 Peking Road, on January 4, it should be pointed out that the Special Branch was not informed of this meeting and therefore, no detective attached to the Special Branch was present. There is no C.D.S. 166 attached to this branch as reported in the attached report.

Interrogation of C.D.S. 11 attached to Central Station, who attended the meeting, shows that the C.D.S. in question is attached to the Political Section of the French Police, who was on that day assigned as a "bodyguard" to Mr. Koo Shing Ih, one of the persons attending the meeting, whose life has been threatened by "National Salvation" elements.

It should be explained that on several occasions it has come to the notice of this branch that members of the French Police Special Branch when attending such functions have intimated that they were attached to the Special Branch without making it clear to which administration they belong.

Sih Tse liang
C.D.I.

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Central
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Re a meeting held at 137 Peking Road
on the subject of the Nantao Power Co.

On the afternoon of 4/1/38, instructions were received from D.C.(Crime) via C.I. Bishop i/c Central Station to post a Chinese and foreign detective at 137 Peking Road at 3.45p.m. 4/1/38 as a meeting was to be held at which Mr. Feng Ping Nan(馮炳南) would be present.

C.D.S. 11 and the undersigned attended at the time stated and learnt that the meeting was to be held at 4.30p.m., therefore returned at that time, but found that the meeting did not commence until 5.15p.m.,at which time Mr. Feng Ping Nan and nine others attended. Mr. Feng took the chair and a general discussion as to the advisability or otherwise of re-opening the Nantao Power Co. followed. The subject of the death of the late Mr. Loh Pah Oong(陸伯翁) was also brought up as Mr. Feng was a great friend of the deceased.

Others present were Messrs. Koo Sing Ih(顧星一),Voong Nyeu Dah(馮[illegible]),Yau Ts Zuh([illegible]),Ts Jung Kiang(朱[illegible]),Ts Kyi Nyung(朱[illegible]),Wong Eu Ts(黃[illegible]),Wong Yuan Foo([illegible]),Tsang Vung Ping(張[illegible]),Kye Kyi Dang([illegible]),all of whom are co-directors of the Nantao Power Co.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m., no untoward incident occurring. C.D.S.166 attached to Special Branch was in attendance.

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S.1. Special Branch Station.

REPORT

Date January 4, 1938

Subject (in full) Chinese Electric Power Company - meeting of Board of Directors.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by C. Gaston D.C.

Between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. December 31, 1937, sixteen members of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Electric Power Company, Nantao, held a meeting in the Company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, The Bund, for the purpose of appointing a new manager in place of the late Mr. Loh Pah Hung(陸伯鴻), who was assassinated in the French Concession on December 30. Mr. Koo Shing Ih(顧馨一), presided. It was decided that Messrs. Yao Tse Zah(姚澤扎), and Tsu Chi Ling(朱季林), be appointed to take charge of the Company's affairs for the time being.

D. S. Hocking

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date January 4, 19 38

Subject (in full) Chapei Water and Electricity Company - meeting of Board of Directors.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by C. Crawford

At 3.30 p.m., December 31, 1937, a meeting attended by twelve members of the Board of Directors of the Chapei Water and Electricity Company, was held at 1394 Avenue Road, the residence of Mr. Sze Zao-tseng(施肇曾), a member of the Board of Directors. During the conference, a discussion took place in connection with the appointment of a new manager to fill the place of the late Mr. Loh Pah-hung, who was assassinated in the French Concession on December 30, and what measures should be adopted in honour of the deceased in recognition of his service towards the company. It was resolved that Mr. Tsu Zeu-zung(朱寿丞) be appointed acting manager, and that the question of honouring the deceased be held in abeyance for the time being because of the poor state of the finance.

The meeting which was presided over by Mr. Sze Shan-tse (施肇三), concluded at 4.15 p.m.

D.S. Hocking

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai 31 12 1937

To DC SP. Br.

Meeting of Nantao Tramway Co at 5-7 pm in Hong Shui Bank Bldg.

Meeting of Chabi Waterworks Co at [illegible] of Council [illegible] from [illegible]

Some of the members of so called Maintenance Committee will be there. [illegible]

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5p.m. to 7 p.m.
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Hongkong & Shanghai
Bank Building.

Unrest among the employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company.

Between 5 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. on the 31-12-37 sixteen directors of the above mentioned company met together at Room No.254 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building to discuss the election of a new manager of the company, owing to the death of Loh Poh Hong (), who was shot dead in the French Concession on the 30-12-37. It was decided that two chairmen named (1) Mao Ts Zuh () and (2) Tsu Kyi Ling () be appointed to be responsible for the company's general affairs for the time being.

The undersigned, C.D.Sc.60.11 and C.D.C.248 attended, and a party of police were on duty.

No untoward incident took place.

A member of the Special Branch also attended.

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, S. B. Subdn,

REPORT

Date December 15 19 37

Subject Chinese Electric Power Company - arrangements for payment of bonus money.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by

At 10 a.m., December 14, twenty representatives of the employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company again called at the Company's office, Room 254, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building. Eight of their number were allowed to interview the management, and after some negotiations, the following result was arrived at:-

1. That 2/3 of the usual annual bonus be issued this year, the remaining part to be issued when the company resumes operations and gains profit.
2. That the pay for December, which has been advanced to certain members of the staff, not be deducted from the annual bonus, but be deducted from the employees "life insurance savings."
3. That the issue of maintenance allowances be effective from December, for a period of three months.
4. That the maintenance allowance for clerical staff be equal to 50% of their original pay, but not less than $30 for those whose pay is over $50 a month, and not lower than $20 for those whose pay is below $50, the deficit to be made good by the company.
5. That the allowance for workers be also equal to 50% of their original pay, but not less than $15, the deficit to be paid by the company.
6. That those employees, whose services are retained, be paid the above mentioned allowances, in addition to 20% of their original pay.

The representatives withdrew at 12.30 p.m.

It is learned that the issue of annual bonus will take place at the Company's office at No. 7 Rue Montauban,

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Hongkong & Shanghai
Bank Building.

At 10 a.m. on the 13/12/37 representatives of the Chinese Electric Power Co. called at Room 254 H. & S. Bank Building 12 The Bund, and six of their number were allowed to interview the directors. They requested that the decision re. reduction of staff, and monthly allowances ranging from $15 to $30 to those whose services are dispensed with be postponed for one month, and that the annual bonus of two months wages be issued. The directors refused to accede to the requests.

A notice re issue of allowances and that 2/3rds of the annual bonus would be issued this year was posted outside the company's office on 13/12/37 also stating that wages loaned to members of the staff would be deducted.

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At 10 a.m. 14/12/37 sixteen members of the staff again attended the office of the company, and 8 representatives interviewed Mr. Sung Tee Fei (宋志飛) director of the company. The following three resolutions were passed:-

(1) That only 2/3rds of the usual yearly bonus be issued and the other 1/3rd will be held by the directors until the company resumes operations.

(2) The wages for December should not be interfered with and some will be deducted from the superannuation fund when it is issued to employees.

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(3) A sum to meet living expenses be issued to all employees from December 1937 to Feb. 1938.

No date was agreed upon for any future meeting, and untoward incident took place.

Detectives attached to the Special Branch attended.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No :— Misc.1003/37.

"A" Division.
Central Police Station.
11th December 1937.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence :—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	5 p.m. - 6 p.m. 11-12-37.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	Room 252-4 H. & S. Bank Building Detective Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

CLASH AMONGST THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHINESE ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the 11-12-37 directors of The Chinese Electric Power Company met together at room 252-4 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Mr. Loh Pah Hung 陸伯鴻 presiding over the meeting.

It was agreed that $25,000.00 should be paid out amongst employees to meet living expenses. Payments to start at 9 a.m. on the 13-12-37.

No untoward incident took place.

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December 10 37.

Manager,
Administration Office,
Chinese Electric Power Company,
Room 252, 2nd floor,
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building.

Dear Sir,

Information has been received that some labour trouble may be expected in your administration. I shall be grateful if you will give me early information of any such developments. The bearer of this letter will take any report now available.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1. Special Branch

REPORT

Date December 10, 19 37

Subject Unrest among the employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by C. Crawford

About one hundred employees of the Chinese Electric Power Company gathered at the Company's office, Room 252-4 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, at 9.45 a.m. on December 10, to await the result of a directors' meeting at which it was to be decided when the employees were to receive compensation and bonus money due to them. Up until 1 p.m. neither Mr. Loh Pah-hung(盧伯鴻), the president, nor any members of the board of directors had appeared whereupon the crowd dispersed in an orderly manner.

Staff members of the company number 250 and about 750 men comprise the body of workers. The following bulletins are at present posted outside the company's office.

1. Notice No. 7115 dated November 30, 1937.

It is announced that the Chinese Electricity and Waterworks Company has maintained the salaries of its employees for the past three months. Owing to the fact that there is no hope of resuming business, the Board of Directors of the Company have decided with effect from December 1 to reduce the staff, only a skeleton staff in various sections to be retained. Those retained will draw half pay, while those whose services will be dispensed with, will be paid allowances for three months according to the following rate :-

Rate of Pay	Monthly allowance
Clerical Staff	
Above $51	$30
Under $50	$20
Under $20	Similar to rate of pay.

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Workers	Monthly Allowance
Below $50	$15
Above $51	$20

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2. Notice No. 7116 announcing that commencing from December 1, 1937, all technical employees on probation will be suspended from services.

3. Notice No. 7117 announcing that with effect from December 1, 1937, all casual workers will be suspended.

4. Notice No. 7118 announcing that the licences of service cars and motorcars which are not required at present, will be, as from December 1, 1937, withdrawn, and the drivers concerned dismissed.

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